

OVERWHELMED BY DISGRACE BANKER CUTS HIS THROAT

Former President Maxwell of Borough Bank of Brooklyn Commits Suicide Yesterday.

FRIENDS DESERT HIM WHEN HE WAS ARRESTED

Secured Release from Jail on Monday Night—Had Stripped Himself to Secure Bank and Had to Borrow to Eat.

NEW YORK, November 26.—Howard Maxwell, the deposed president of the Borough Bank of Brooklyn, who was indicted for grand larceny and forgery, and who last night was released from jail on \$30,000 bail, committed suicide today. He cut his throat and left wrist with a razor and penknife in the bathroom of his home in Brooklyn and died tonight at the Long Island hospital. Maxwell, who was locked up Thursday, had felt the humiliation keenly and during his incarceration appeared hopelessly despondent. He had, however, given his family no intimation so far as known that he contemplated suicide. His wife is prostrated by the tragedy and was under the care of a physician tonight.

Maxwell when released late last night was driven to his residence. He spent his morning quietly at home. In the forenoon he announced his intention of taking a bath and going for a walk. Shortly before 2 o'clock a maid heard a sound as of someone falling on the second floor and, hurrying upstairs, discovered the banker lying on the bathroom floor half dressed and with gaping wounds in his throat and left wrist. On the washstand lay a razor half open and a penknife with the blades open and each end covered with blood. As the turned to summon help the maid stepped on a second razor half opened in the hallway leading to the bathroom.

Was Still Conscious

Maxwell was conscious and tried to talk, but failed to make himself understood. Dr. C. E. Brown, the family physician, was hastily summoned, and he called in Dr. Horace Greely. The banker was bleeding so profusely that it was decided to remove him to the hospital, where an operation was performed. His windpipe was found to be nearly severed and the left wrist cut almost to the bone. Maxwell died a short time after the operation.

Soon after the physicians began work the banker lapsed into unconsciousness. During the few and brief lucid periods he made no statement so far as known. Coroner Broomer began an official investigation tonight.

Maxwell was 49 years of age and leaves a wife and no children. On November 21 he was jointly indicted for grand larceny with former Cashier Arthur Campbell and Director William Campbell of the Borough bank. Three other indictments against him, involving forgery in his quarterly bank statement, were made to the state banking department. When the three men were arrested Campbell and Gow secured bailmen, but to the surprise of many who knew Maxwell's popularity in financial circles, none offered to go his bail. The desertion on the part of the men to whom he looked for freedom is said to have embittered and depressed Maxwell and despondency increased before his release was brought about.

During his arraignment Maxwell's counsel stated that his client had put up every dollar he possessed to secure the bank; that he had absolutely stripped himself to protect the institution. Later on his way to his cell Maxwell is said to have borrowed \$3 with which to pay for a meal or two. At the time he declared that he did not have a cent with which to provide himself any extra food in prison. His humiliation was increased when, like a common felon, he was measured by the Bertillon system and his pedigree placed in the jail records.

ALENA JASPER IS PLACED ON TRIAL MURDER CHARGE

Colored Woman's Trial Begins—Otto Walters Found Not Guilty by Jury

The first criminal case of the present term of the district court resulted in a verdict by the jury of not guilty. The defendant was Otto Walters, indicted by the grand jury for assault with a deadly weapon. Attorney F. C. Jacobs conducted the defense and District Attorney Henry and his assistant, Attorney Weinberger, presented the territory's case. Walters was charged with stabbing W. T. Hayes with a pocket knife during a fight that occurred last June.

Immediately after the Walters case was given to the jury, the case of the

territory against Alena Jasper, charged with murder, was called and the impaneling of the jury begun. A dozen veniremen had been interrogated when adjournment was taken until this morning. Alena Jasper is the colored woman who is said to have thrown a lighted lamp at Bertha Lee, also colored, which caused the death of the latter. The woman is being defended by Attorney C. F. Whitcher.

The grand jury made another partial report yesterday, returning four indictments and ignoring the charges against one. The four indicted were Lonnie Harris for larceny, Dan Neal for assault with a deadly weapon, Elmer Richards, embezzlement, and Jesus Garcia, larceny.

The case against Pablo Vargas was dismissed.

All of those indicted were arraigned at 5:30 o'clock last evening and they will plead this morning, when court opens. A demurrer to the indictment against E. R. Gaynor for resisting an officer was sustained and the case resubmitted to the grand jury.

ATLANTIC FLEET TO START FOR PACIFIC ON SCHEDULE TIME

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 26.—Naval officials say there is not the slightest doubt that Admiral Evans' fleet will start on its Pacific cruise on scheduled time, December 16. The amount of work to be done upon the big ships was probably overestimated by persons who predicted there would be a delay in beginning the voyage, and it is said that two days for each in dry dock to receive bottom painting is all that will be required by the three battleships that are to go to New York before rendezvousing at Hampton Roads for the start. All that work can easily be done in a week, it is said at the navy department, so there is no reason to doubt that the ships will be in Hampton Roads when the president takes his station to review the fleet.

TWENTY YEARS IN YUMA PROVES TOO MUCH FOR HODGES

Cuts His Way Out of Jail Within a Few Hours After Being Sentenced

Disgusted because of the twenty-year sentence imposed upon him by Judge Nave for burglary, Ed Hodges decided that he would not go to Yuma at the time planned for the trip by Sheriff Thompson, and Monday night, a few hours after sentence had been pronounced, he folded his baggage, which consisted of a "hyppo gun" and a pair of socks, and silently glided through the bars of the bastille.

Just in what manner Hodges made his escape is not known, but it is the belief of the officers that he eluded Jailor Henderson in the semi-darkness of the county jail corridor while the latter was locking up the "cage" prisoners after supper, and slipped into the room that separates the county and city jails. When the jailer went into the city compartment to secure the prisoners for the night, Hodges must have crept into the open door behind him.

Yesterday morning at breakfast time Hodges did not emerge from the cage, as usual, when it was opened, and his absence was only then discovered. It remained a mystery until an examination of the city jail showed that two bars had been sawed through in one of the side windows, through which Hodges escaped. A plain drunk who gave his name as H. C. Stout, and who was locked in the city jail, went with Hodges.

The bars had been cleanly cut with a steel saw, of which no trace could be found. The officers started out in various directions yesterday morning to search for the escaped prisoners, but no trace of him had been discovered last night. Telegrams were also sent to all parts of the territory giving a description of the man. It is believed that his craving for dope will result in his speedy capture. Even without his drug consuming propensities, he is a well marked man, as he has both arms profusely tattooed.

Hodges has already served three terms in as many state prisons, and his criminal record was the cause of his heavy sentence by Judge Nave. In 1894 he was sent up from Alameda county, California, for second degree burglary, for which he served three years in Kern county, California, to serve two years for forgery at San Quentin and in 1904 Judge Sloan at Prescott gave him thirty months in Yuma. Hodges' mother is said to reside in Oakland, Cal.

HUNDREDS PERISH IN WRECKS CAUSED BY STORMS IN BLACK SEA

CONSTANTINOPLE, November 26.—According to reports received here recent storms on the Black sea have resulted in terrible suffering and great loss of life. Among the disasters to shipping is the foundering off Ergli, in Asia Minor, of the steamer Kaplan, and one hundred persons on board are reported to have perished. Numerous smaller craft have been overwhelmed and these disasters, together with the loss of the Kaplan, bring the number of casualties to more than two hundred.

IN THE PHILIPPINES.



News Note.—Secretary Taft yesterday inspected military posts astride an army mule. —Berryman in Washington Star.

DEFENSE RESTS IN MURDER TRIAL OF MRS. BRADLEY

Court Calls Down Dr. Evans, the Noted Alienist, for Expressing His Opinions.

EVANS DENOUNCES MURDERED SENATOR

Son of Victim Placed on the Stand—Senator Offered to Provide for Defendant, but She Spurned His Offers.

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 26.—A dramatic scene marked the proceedings today in the trial of Mrs. Annie Bradley, when A. Britton Evans, the New York alienist, who testified in that case, not only declared Mrs. Bradley insane when she shot Brown, but entered with such vigor in defending his opinion, even going into a denunciation of the conduct of the dead senator, that Judge Stanford reminded the witness that Brown was not on trial and that he was not there to defend. He admonished him to refer to the dead man only when necessary to show the effect of his acts upon the mind of the defendant.

The appearance on the stand of Max Brown, son of the dead senator, who was called for rebuttal, was affecting in the extreme. The young man, tall, slender and fragile in physique, tottered as he made his way to the stand. He carefully avoided looking toward the defendant, who sat within ten feet of him. When he told of seeing his father and Mrs. Bradley in the kitchen of their home with jars of fruit they had brought from the cellar at the time when his mother had been called away from the city to the bedside of her dying sister, the defendant laughed and lowered her head in confusion, but there was no sign of amusement in the face of the witness, who replied briefly to all questions with lowered eyes during the intervals in giving his testimony.

Says She Was Insane

Dr. Charles B. Hill, professor of nervous mental disease, declared in his opinion that Mrs. Bradley was insane when she did the shooting. Many abortions before performed upon her, suffering and disappointment and hereditary insanity all combined to produce insanity, he thought she shot Brown intentionally, but while believing she was doing right.

A number of witnesses from Salt Lake City in addition to Max Brown were introduced by the government in rebuttal, several of whom testified that Mrs. Bradley during their years of acquaintance with her appeared at all times rational and affable.

It brought out that Brown had made a proposition to Mrs. Bradley to accept a \$5,000 house and \$100 a month until the youngest child would be 21 years old if she would leave Brown alone, but she indignantly declined the offer, saying that she wanted to marry Brown in order that her children might be given a name. During today's testimony Mrs. Bradley wept and sobbed and in the forenoon session gave every indication that she was about to collapse. However, she mustered such strength as she possessed and concluded the day's ordeal in fair condition. The resting of the defense came in the nature of a surprise, as it has been expected that the alienist would be kept on the stand for a much longer period.

ACCUSED STUDENT DEFIES POLICE IN SOLVING MYSTERY

All Efforts Fail to Trap Boy Charged with Murder of Rival in Love

BERKELEY, Cal., November 26.—

If Harry Kleinschmidt, the wealthy young student of the state university and oldest son of a prominent family of Claremont, murdered his friend and rival in love, Frank Bellows, he is one of the coolest young murderers with whom the police have ever had dealings. Kleinschmidt puts up a bright and breezy front in his quarters in the county jail. Every possible device or trick of the "third degree" and the "sweat box system" has been brought to bear on the young man to trap some inconsistent statement, but so far the cleverest work of detectives and District Attorney Brown have not weakened the young student. He has kept his personal appearance immaculate, even in jail.

Deputy District Attorney Carry, who took the deposition of Blanche Kerfoot, with whom Bellows and Kleinschmidt were mutually in love, says he believes Kleinschmidt guilty of the crime of which he stands accused, but admits that the student displays extraordinary cleverness in his conduct. The package of letters which play such an important part in the case is said to be still in Kleinschmidt's possession. He has them in a safe deposit vault and the police are unable to get at them. There is knowledge of the contents, gathered from the statements made by Miss Kerfoot and other of the sixty witnesses whom the police claim to have on their side of the case, but whose names they refuse to divulge. A number of letters are said to be from men and women who rank high in social and educational circles of Berkeley.

WALSH'S PRIVATE BOOKS ARE SAFE

Producing of Them Would Be Same as Walsh Testifying Against Himself

CHICAGO, November 26.—An attempt on the part of the prosecution to force the presentation in court of the private books of John R. Walsh, on trial for alleged misapplication of funds of the Chicago National bank, was frustrated by the adverse decision of Judge Anderson today. The court held that the order requiring the books to be produced would amount to forcing the defendant to testify against himself. During the day the examination of F. W. McLean, former assistant cashier, was concluded. Questioning brought an admission from the witness that he was in California early in 1904 at the time when he said in his direct testimony that he held a conversation with Walsh regarding the memorandum notes.

TO INVESTIGATE DROWNING

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., November 26.—Government inspectors of hulls and boilers will hold a searching investigation into the causes leading up to the loss of three little girls, Reta and Ada Schott and Floce Burkman, from the Pacific Coast Steamship company's steamer President on the voyage from the north.

OAKLAND POLICE HUNT FOR BODY OF OTHER VICTIM

Elmhurst Man Who Murdered Woman Thought to Have Done Away with Others.

BELIEVED TO HAVE SLAIN HIS SUPPOSED WIFE

Body Found Buried in Quicklime—Prisoner Tells Many Conflicting Stories—Said to Be a Remarkable Criminal.

OAKLAND, Cal., November 26.—Search for more of the victims of the murderous rage of M. A. Wilkins, the Elmhurst man of mystery, has resulted fruitlessly. When the sheriff and a posse of Oakland police left the Wilkins home last night after unearthing the partly decomposed body of Verna Wallace, who had been passing as Wilkins' wife, they were of the belief that one more victim at least was buried on the premises. The supposed victim is T. Earl Kimmons, a striking carman who knew of Wilkins' relations with the Wallace woman and who, according to the sheriff, aroused Wilkins' jealousy. Kimmons has been missing since July 23, and following the theory that Kimmons' dead body was buried some where on Wilkins' property, a number of attaches of the police and sheriff's office resumed the search today.

With pick and shovel they dug up nearly every foot of space in the yard. Ten holes were dug, but the corpse of Kimmons was not found. Though baffled in their efforts, the authorities made discoveries that strengthened the theory that Wilkins had murdered his "wife."

Victim First Gagged

Surgeons acting under the direction of the coroner this afternoon made an examination of the body that developed the fact that the dead woman had been gagged. A handkerchief had been securely knotted about her head and across her mouth. This would have prevented any outcry had Wilkins used violent means to compass her death. The body was too far decomposed to determine whether there were any marks of violence. The body had lain buried in quicklime nearly five months, but a heavy portier in which it was wrapped prevented the lime from doing effective work.

In addition to the gag, the surgeons found that the corpse contained the unborn body of a babe seven months old. In this fact Sheriff Barnett finds a possible motive for the murder. He is of the opinion that Wilkins was annoyed that the woman was so soon to become a mother and deliberately planned and executed her death and buried her in a quicklime grave.

Intimate with Woman

Wilkins is in jail and insists that the woman committed suicide and that he buried the body as he did to avoid publicity. In one statement he says she took strychnine on July 23 and died at 10 o'clock that night. Then he set about to provide for her burial and finished the gruesome job before morning. His statements as to the date and time she died, however, are conflicting, and each story he tells the police is different in some detail.

Finally Wilkins told the sheriff he did not know what took place on the fatal night.

"I must have been crazy when I

buried her," he cried in agitation. The stomach has been removed and sent to a city chemist for analysis. The examination will determine what poison if any caused the woman's death. In Mrs. A. B. Anderson, who was staying with her husband at the Wilkins home and who gave the police information that led to the finding of the body, the police have a strong circumstantial witness against Wilkins. She is still convinced because of words dropped by Wilkins that he is also responsible for the young man's death.

Says It Was Suicide

It was learned today that Kimmons was on intimate terms with the Wallace woman. The two met in the east a year ago and Kimmons who was much younger than Wilkins, was supposed to be a favorite with "Mrs. Wilkins." Kimmons was 21 and Wilkins 50. On July 21 Kimmons visited Wilkins at Elmhurst. The car strike had left him without employment and he set to work digging a cesspool for Wilkins. This was completed about July 23 and it was at this time the woman disappeared. Some days later a friend sought Wilkins an inquired after Kimmons. Wilkins told him the young man had fallen heir to a fortune and had gone east. To others Wilkins told different stories when asked as to Kimmons' whereabouts.

In a search of the house today the sheriff found a jewel box with the inscription, "Mrs. L. L. Cameron, 6822 Washington Parke Boulevard, Sheffield, Mo." The sheriff communicated with authorities there. He thinks this may be a relative of the woman who was passing as Wilkins' wife.

Wilkins says he was born in France and educated in Rome. He speaks eight languages and by his own story has traveled all over the world. The sheriff is of the opinion that he has found a most remarkable criminal. It developed from testimony of neighbors that he dug the grave of his supposed victim while she was still alive, and that even had the unfortunate woman, who had been spending her spare time in making baby clothes in anticipation of motherhood, actually assisted him in the work.

NEW YORK, November 26.—New York bankers are looking forward to the resumption of cash payment within a very short time. The return to a strictly cash basis in banking transactions is largely dependent upon the loan rates upon money. These rates are steadily declining and call money went begging in Wall street late today at 3 per cent and below. Rates on time loans continue comparatively high, but are gradually being lowered. By the time that the time loan rate reaches 6 per cent it is believed the bankers will feel assured enough of their position to resume cash payments.

New circulation from the issue of the 3 per cent treasury certificates of indebtedness will be available within a few days and this will be important in hastening the return of the usual banking system.

The premium on currency was in evidence today, but the rates were nominal and the demand comparatively light. The early disappearance of all premiums is freely predicted and while it is declared that the New York banks are in position to resume currency payments at once, many such payments having been made within the past few days, they are said to be awaiting an assurance from the interior that the wants of the cities there have been satisfactorily supplied. As long as the interior demands are heavy, New York banks are inclined to hold their currency in readiness for transfer and ask the indulgence of their local patrons to the extent of accepting checks, which are being handled with comparatively little inconvenience.

BOISE, Idaho, November 26.—The work of securing a jury for the trial of George A. Pettibone, charged with complicity in the assassination of Steunenberg, will begin in the district court tomorrow. Judge Woods announced today that there would be no further delay.

It is expected that Clarence Darrow and James S. Hawley, chief counsel for the defense and state respectively, will arrive from Rathdrum before court convenes, but even should they not be here the examination of talesmen will proceed.

The regular venire consists of thirty-five names and when these are disposed of a special venire of one hundred will be ordered. Attorneys of both sides agree that it will require a longer time to secure a jury than in the Haywood trial, when nearly a month was consumed in the work.

After the acquittal of Haywood, application for bond was made for Moyer and Pettibone. The state refused to consent to Pettibone's release, but Moyer was allowed bail of \$25,000. Pettibone is still in poor health, but insists that he is able to stand trial. With two exceptions the same attorneys will be engaged as in Haywood's trial.

PETTIBONE TRIAL COMMENCES THIS MORNING AT BOISE

Selection of Jury Will Take Longer than in the Haywood Trial

SANTA FE, N. M., November 26.—Solicitor General Henry M. Hoyt arrived today from Washington to take personal charge of the land fraud investigation in New Mexico and especially of the recent indictments found against the Phelps Dodge company, charging conspiracy to defraud the government out of coal lands in San Juan county.

GOLDFIELD MINER IN FATAL CAVE-IN

Superintendent Buried Under Tons of Rock—Speed and Riches Were Sought

GOLDFIELD, Nev., November 26.—William Goodrich, superintendent of the Seely lease on the Sand Storm, lies buried under twenty-five feet of rock in the working shaft of the lease. The cavein occurred late this afternoon. Word was dispatched to Goldfield for aid and a number of men immediately volunteered to assist in the rescue. Rescuers and a windlass were loaded on a wagon and the rescuers are now at work but with little hope of reaching Goodrich alive. Goodrich was in charge of the Consolidated lease in the Mohawk, in which he was heavily interested financially. A cavein occurred on the Mohawk-Combination lease yesterday and rock has been falling in great quantities. It has been found impossible to continue the work and the entire force has been discharged. The lease was making a phenomenal production and expired at the end of this week. The leasers were pushing the output without regard to safety.

BANK CLOSURES

SALEM, Ark., November 26.—The Salem State bank closed its doors this morning. Liabilities, \$30,000; assets, \$35,000.

MONEY LOOSENS AND BANKS SOON ON FORMER BASIS

New York Bankers Look Forward to an Early Resumption of the Cash System.

CURRENCY PREMIUM IS MERELY NOMINAL

Situation Easing in San Francisco, with Money Arriving Daily from the East Through the Sub-treasury.

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Basing Up in 'Frisco

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., November 26.—The financial situation here is easing up very materially and some banks are already talking of opening for the regular normal business. Money is still coming from the east by transfer through the sub-treasury and is now being placed where it is most needed and will do the most good. Country banks are remitting some money to the local banks, which is a sign of a relaxation of the stringency of two weeks ago.

Few Withdrawal Deposits

CHICAGO, November 26.—Following an agreement between Chicago banks with savings departments that the thirty-day notices by depositors desirous of withdrawing accounts from savings banks would be met immediately, letters of notification had been sent out by some banks asking that the accounts be withdrawn or the notices would be canceled without delay. The requests met with little response. It was learned today that one bank which received three hundred notices of intended withdrawal, heard from only twelve of its letters, and the action taken by the banks with reference to withdrawals was said by one banker to have been taken to avoid carrying accounts with a sixty-day notice hanging over them, and because it was found that all banks are able to accommodate those who desired to withdraw their funds.

SOLICITOR GENERAL TAKES CHARGE PROSECUTION OF COAL LAND FRAUDS

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White House.—Announces arrival of big shipment of new goods; page 6.

Pioneer Produce Market.—An attractive Thanksgiving announcement; page 5.

Southern Grill.—Invitation to a royal Thanksgiving dinner; page 2.

Home Investment Co.—Bargains in real estate; page 6.

Eagle Restaurant.—Announces formal opening with a tempting dinner on Thanksgiving day; page 5.